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AMENDMENT

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This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2004, and includes:

- Claims Amendments (Pages 2-3)
- Remarks (Pages 4-9)
- Declaration of Kristina 'Wittchow (2 pages)
- Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 (4 pages) and copies of cited reference; and translations
- Credit Card Payment (1 page)

This Amendment is accompanied by a credit card payment for the fee for filing a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that includes concise explanations of several non-English patent references. Should this fee payment be incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to adjust the Faegre & Benson Deposit Account No. 06-0029 as necessary, and is requested to notify us of the adjustment.